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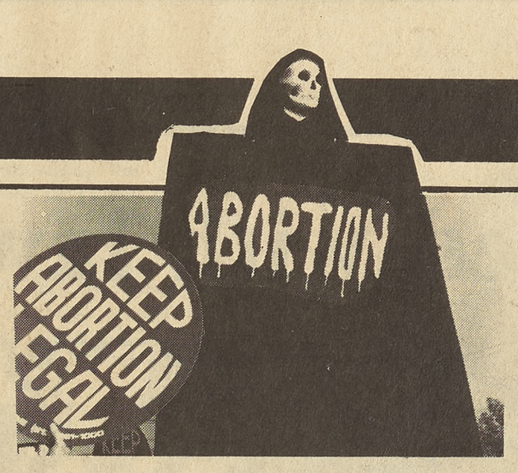

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Board member disagrees with salary increase

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

Trustee Harold Garvin is sounding an alarm few in the district or at Valley College are heeding.

The Los Angeles Community College District seven-member Board of Trustees approved an 8 percent salary increase Garvin says will result in numerous cut-backs. Valley College administrators have guaranteed a full program for next semester.

Classes will be cancelled and vacant positions will not be filled because the money is going to salaries, said Garvin. The increase will cost $15 million.

"I was the only one who voted no because I knew there were going to be drastic economic problems in the schools," said Garvin.

Garvin said he is sure there would have been no strike if the teachers had gone without the 8 percent increase. Settling for a 6 percent increase would have lessened the problem, he said.

In addition to less classes being offered in the Spring, supplies will be cut back, and next year will be even worse, said Garvin.

Robert Sprague, acting vice president of academic affairs at Valley, said no changes in the Spring 1990 schedule of classes resulted from the increase. The schedule was started two months before the board action in early November, but could have been changed if necessary, he said.

"We will have exactly the same number of classes as last semester," said Angelo "Val" Villa, dean of instuction. "The extra money needed for the increase will not be at the expense of classes."

Villa said the faculty deserved the raise because of the high cost of living in the Los Angeles area.

"I do know that there will be some savings by attrition," said Villa. Some positions will not be replaced after the employee retires, he said.

Happy Holidays ...

NATHAN DEAN REPONTE / Valley Star

Model reindeer are suspended over the annual Christmas season display at the Sherman Oaks Galleria. Despite the empty appearance of the mall in this photo, thousands have shopped .

ASU approves 3 new positions

By DIANA MOSS
Assoc. News Editor

Three new positions have been created by the Associated Student Union Executive Council. The new seats will be commissioner of student welfare, commissioner of gay concerns and commissioner of Asian concerns.

These commissionerships are the results of two separate motions made at Tuesday's Executive Council meeting. The motions were made by A. Michael Juarez, commissioner of evening division.

Juarez said the openings would be on the ballot in the next election, tenatively scheduled for January.

All positions will be temporary for one year, but the holders will be allowed to vote in council matters, Juarez said.

The positions were opened in accordance with Article X, section 3A of the ASU Constitution, which states: "Any Executive Council seat established will be temporary and subject to re-evaluation by the Executive Council at the end of the first year to determine its viability."

If a two-thirds majority of the Executive Council vote to affirm the commissionership's viability it will become a permanent position.

The creation of the commissioner of student welfare will eliminate the ASU health service committee, said Juarez.

"If a commissionership is established, all health matters may be concluded through this one person rather than the four person health service committee," Juarez's motion stated.

"Student welfare is a concern that should have a student representative," said Juarez. "In all forms of government, there is a person in charge of health concerns, local to federal."

Pierce College hosted a district-wide health service committee meeting Friday. The meeting was at-

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Students divided on animal dissection

By CATHERINE GUNN
News Editor

An anti-vivisection group with members from Valley College, challenging the use of animals for research and science courses, seeks to debate the opposition.

Javier Burgos, director of the documentary *Hidden Crimes*, said he invites advocates of experimentation on animals to square-off with him after he screens his film, which "proves we are all victims of the fraud of animal experimentation" tonight at 6 in the Fireside Room.

Rebecca Bing, 20, and Roy Rogers, 36, are students at Valley and members of Students United Protesting Research on Sentient Subjects (SUPPRESS), the group started by Burgos in 1981 and sponsor of the film. They are opposed to any experimentation on sentient, or conscious, animals because the results cannot be applied to humans and the actions are cruel to the animals, they said.

Bing and Rogers are also against Valley students disecting animals in biology and anatomy classes.

"Biology students are facing desensitization," said Bing. "College students are being brainwashed so that they'll be used to it [experimentation on animals] by the time they get jobs."

The film includes a segment showing cat dissection, said Burgos, who claims the exercise is "part and

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This week on campus

Today-December 14
11:00—Ev/Ron Binn & Friends perform in the Music Recital Hall.
7:30 p.m.—Hillel meets at 13162 Burbank Blvd.

Friday-December 15
5:00 p.m.—Women's basketball plays away against Mira Costa College.
8:00 p.m.—Theatre Arts presents FOUND A PEANUT, by Donald Margulies. Directed by Donald Hayes. Admission, $5, students and seniors, $3. In Horseshoe Theatre.

Saturday-December 16
VACATION BEGINS
4:00 p.m.—Woman's basketball plays away at Grossmont College.
8:00 p.m.—FOUND A PEANUT, in Horseshoe Theater.

Monday-December 18
VACATION

Tuesday-December 19
VACATION

Wednesday-December 20
VACATION

ONGOING
The recent paintings, drawings & prints of Walter Askin on exhibit in the Art Gallery, Art Building.

Valley nurses help homeless families

By DORA ROMAN
Staff Writer

The Valley College chapter of the Calif. Nursing Students Association will help homeless mothers and children as part of their annual Christmas project. CNSA plans to donate gifts and food items to the Women's Care Cottage, a non-profit day shelter for women and children in Van Nuys.

"Usually the student nurses help the homeless that live in different areas of Los Angeles," said Mary Lou Davis, chairwoman of the nursing department. "This year they are helping street people in our community."

The Women's Care Cottage serves from seven to eight hundred women and children every year, said Director Harriet Quin'Resendez. "We are open during the daytime for women who are homeless. They can come any time," she said. "The women are made up of people with all kinds of problems. It's any one of a number of reasons that can put people on the streets.

"Unfortunately we are not an overnight facility, so we direct them to other places that will help."

Several hundred homeless women need shelter in the Valley every night, and thousands are without homes during the year. "Some reamin on the streets and some are homeless just a day or two," said Quin'Resendez.

Quin'Resendez estimates the total number of homeless is the Valley is 5,000.

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EOPS renew textbook grants

By JEANNETTE REGALADO
Staff Writer

The textbook grant program which gave $25,400 to disadvantaged Valley College students is a success and will continue for Spring 1990, said Dr. Glenn Hisayasu, director of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

Fall semester is the first time EOPS has offered $100 vouchers for books to 254 students. Hisayasu, who is in his first year as director of EOPS, said there was a need to assist students with books because financial aid money does not arrive in the beginning of the semester when books need to be purchased.

Hisayasu said the grants provide "needed educational materials in a timely manner so that students have a full opportunity to succeed in their classes without geting behind."

When students take advantage of the aid "it allows the EOPS Program to identify EOPS students early on in the year so we can assure they receive any needed support services," Hisayasu said.

Students who need assistance in purchasing their textbooks can no longer look to the Associated Student Union for book loans because this item was not budgeted for the 1989-90 school year.

Guidelines for EOPS eligibility are outlined by the state legislature in regulations Title V. A student must be a resident of California, enrolled in 12 units or more, not have completed more than six consecutive semesters in the EOPS Program or 70 units in college and qualify to receive a Board of Governors' grant.

A student must be educationally disadvantaged as well as meeting financial criteria. Hisayasu said a student is educationally disadvantaged if he was not graduated from high school or is placed in remedial classes by the ACCESS placement test or by enrolling.

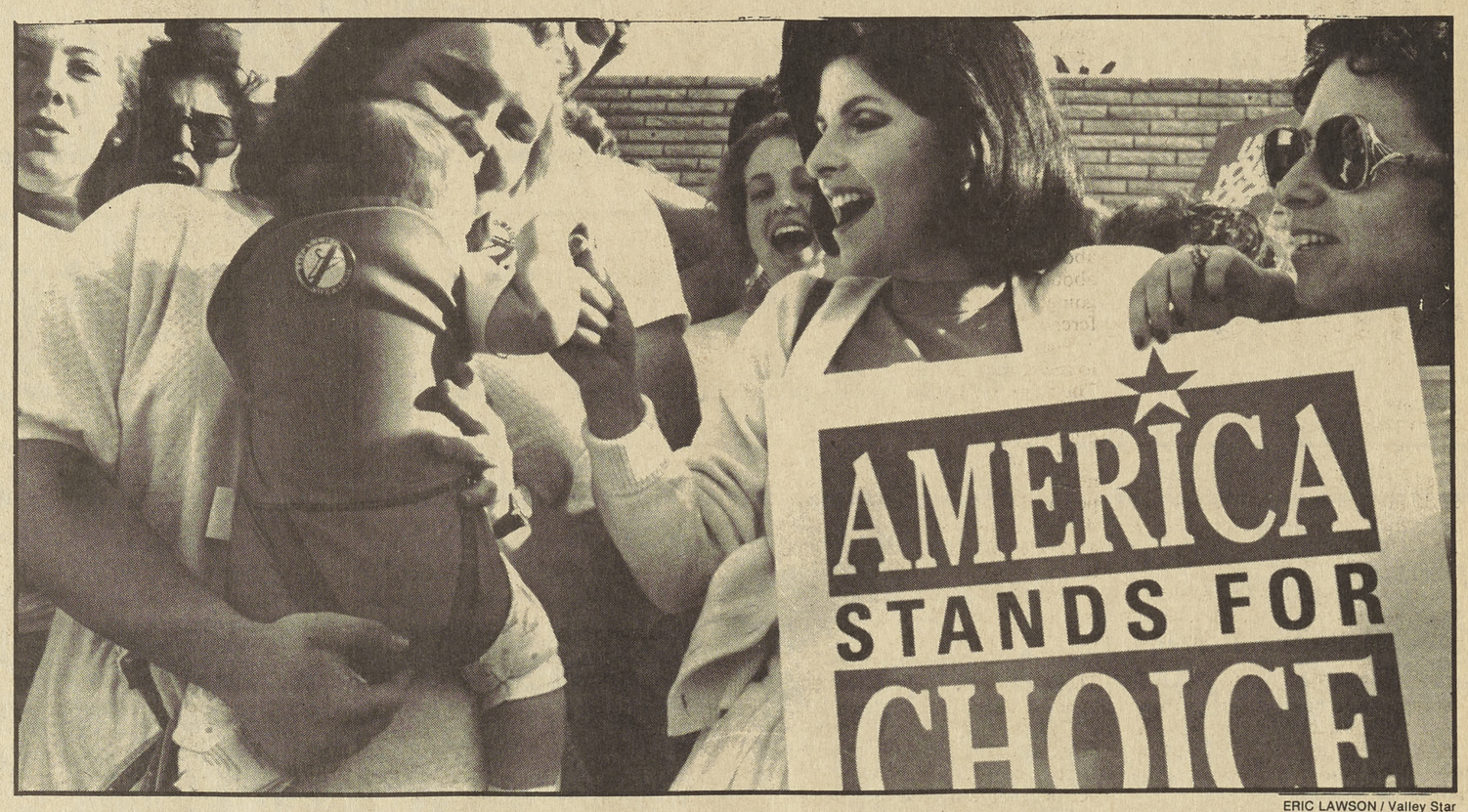
A student can also be eligible for EOPS benefits through a director's waiver. Hisayasu is authorized by the state to confer eligibility if the student meets one of these criteria: first in the immediate family to attend college, part of an underrepresented group on campus or if the predominant language in the home is not English. Blacks, Hispanics and American Indians are considered underrepresented groups.

Hisayasu hopes to continue the book grants for as long as funds allow. In the event some applicants must be turned down, he said "priority will be based on program participation."

ABORTION

Disenchanted with law seeking activitists

By JULIE BAILEY
Staff Writer



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PRO-CHOICE STANCE—Gloria Allred (C) just after she announced her stand as pro-choice mother holds baby up to meet Allred at the Operations Rescue meeting last Saturday in Fullerton.

I don't like straddling a fence on any issue. I prefer to weigh the facts presented by both sides and then make a judgment. However, the abortion issue makes me feel like I'm balancing on a barbed wire fence with a minefield on one side and quicksand on the other.

Neither of the opposing pro-choice or right-to-life camps are providing safe ground to land on. Both sides have points I agree with and points I do not agree with.

Because the fight has been taken to the courts and lawmakers of this country, what is essentially a moral issue has been turned into a legal one.

The argument is stated as being "whether or not a woman has the right to an abortion." Yet, this is not what is being fought over in the courtrooms, and every now and then the smoke clears and the actual legal battle being waged stands out.

The legal fight is not "Can a woman have an abortion?" A woman *will* have an abortion, either legally or illegally, if she feels that is what she must do. The real fight going on is "Who will pay the bill?"

With the courtroom designated as the battlefield of choice, the legal issue can be none other than a financial one. Abortion is not legal murder and those involved are not tried and executed . . . yet.

Nonetheless, both sides involved in this conflict persistently cloud and distort these courtroom forays by their moral and social stances in the legal arena.

They demand our lawmakers become moral judges, citadels of social freedoms and God. We, the public, are expected to assume the stance of two-year-olds unable to reason morally for ourselves, fit only to be commanded and punished.

Personally, I don't believe that any law ever has or ever will change the hearts and mind of people.

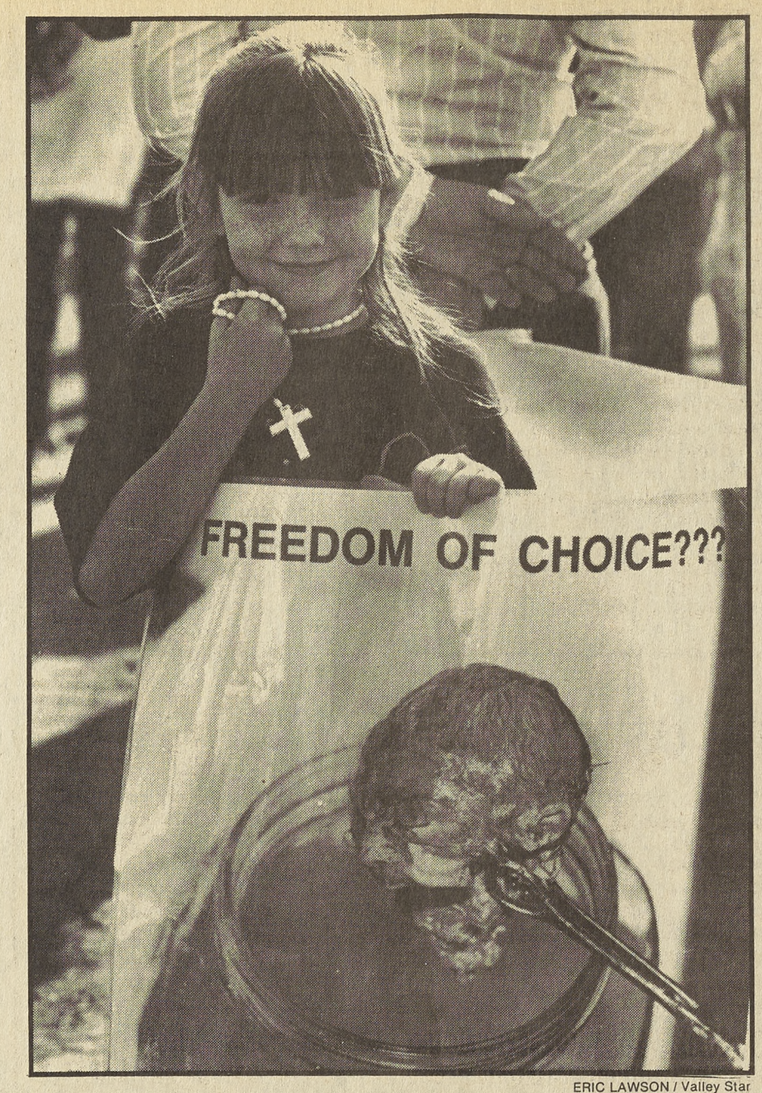
All the thousands of laws against racism, murder, theft and injustice haven't stopped these acts from happening. Racism is still rampant in this country, as are murder, theft and injustice. Laws do not prevent; they merely punish.

No law passed on abortion will prevent or aid the act, it will only punish . . . someone.

If a law against abortion is passed, those seeking the abortion will be punished in different degrees.

The rich will be punished monetarily by having to pay large sums of money to a physician to perform an illegal act.

The poor will be doubly punished by having to pay for the "backstreet butcher" to thrust sharp instruments into the vagina and uterus of the women, carving the fetus, and often the women, to death.



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LARGE PROTEST—Young girl is caught up in the excitment.

Those without money will be forced to resort to ramming knitting needles into their bodies to accomplish the same thing.

If a law passes which grants abortions, the fetus will be punished for being a fetus and not complying to the standards of development as set down by the courts, and it will be hacked or torn to death.

To try to legally define just at what point a fetus becomes a human child has got to be one of the most sublimely ridiculous, moronic arguments of the 20th century.

Just how does that work? At two weeks it's non-human, at four weeks it's a monkey, at six weeks it's a whale . . . or does a court-mandated miracle happen somewhere along the line and a non-human thing suddenly becomes human?

Please people, give me a break. This classic case of justification doesn't cut it. I know this is the age of instant gratification, the "NOW generation," but isn't expecting a human child to be fully developed at the moment of conception taking matters a little too far?

And, at what point does a human child have legal rights? This argument has a familiar ring; blacks in America were considered at one time to be animals with no rights.

"This black-skinned thing is not like us; therefore, it's not human and has no rights. Women have no rights because they belong to men. Fetuses have no rights because they are not fully developed immediately." Same argument; different words.

What would happen if all legal blocks were removed from abortion? They tried that in England a few years ago and made abortions completely legal, removing all restrictions.

Within a few months barrels of fetuses, whole and dismembered, were being shipped all over the place. Businesses whose one commodity was the selling of fetuses sprang up overnight.

England became so covered with blood that even those members of Parliament who had rigorously fought for removal of all restrictions were stunned into horrified shock by the extent of the bloody business and quickly voted to replace restrictions on abortion.

Are legal restrictions enough to quiet the conscience of a nation and my own conscience? I have read a great deal and viewed many pictures about the process of abortion. Fetuses are not "put to sleep." They are cut to pieces inside the womb or torn apart by suction and vacuumed out.

It doesn't matter if this happens to a hundred thousand fetuses or only one at four weeks or 10 weeks; the fine lines of legal restrictions are not enough to salve my aching conscience.

All this sounds like I agree with the right-to-life legal stance but I do not.

I don't believe that anyone has the right to kill a baby and I believe a fetus is a human baby from conception. But, equally, I do not feel that anyone has the right to tell women whether or not they can have an abortion and I understand completely the feelings of many women who have abortions.

Does anyone think that a woman wakes up one morning and says, "Gee, I think I'll get pregnant so I can have an abortion." If you answered yes, commit yourself to a mental home immediately.

Women have abortions because their pregnancies place them in intolerable situations.

Some husbands threaten to leave their wives if they become pregnant. Other women, married and unmarried, are left alone to take care of themselves and their children and, contrary to popular opinion, welfare is not easily got or kept.

America is not a socialistic nation that cares for all its citizens. It is a republic and capitalism is king. If you find yourself up the creek without a paddle, don't expect the government to hand you an oar; it probably won't.

Families whose finances are already stretched to the limit can find themselves rendered homeless with the birth of one more child. On the streets, all their children become victims of violence, hunger and disease.

A woman is horribly and brutally raped and from the rape a child is born. Who am I, who are you, to tell the woman she must have and raise the child and be reminded of her attacker every time she looks into the child's eyes.

A thirteen-year-old child becomes pregnant and is terrified of telling her family because they will reject her, beat her, or subtly make her pay for the *mistake* for the rest of her life as only families can.

The right-to-life factions say that women can have their children and then put them up for adoption. Easily said, not easily done for a great many women.

It can be a gut-rending, heart-stopping, guilt-ridden decision to cast aside a child you have carried inside you for nine months. It doesn't matter that it's best for you and the child, the pain of separation and guilt remains . . . and remains.

And what about those nine months? We have no social medicine. Who pays for the doctor and hospital bills? Who gives a woman money to live on if she is pregnant, alone and unable to work?

It is not so hard to understand how a woman can feel when faced with a pregnancy which will devastate her life. At one point or another many of us have been faced with decisions to be made under fire. Have we all been unafraid? Have we all been heroes? Are we all saints with glowing halos of righteousness?

Orphanages are full of children hoping desperately for parents. Runaway, beaten, hungry, homeless and abused children are brought before our courts every day. I would be more predisposed to listen to the arguments of right-to-lifers if I saw that their concern for the unborn extended every bit as much to the already born.

We are a technically advanced society and yet there is still no birth control device which is 100 percent effective. Women will continue to become pregnant and have abortions because of it.

The pro-choice and right-to-life groups will continue to fight and perhaps the wisdom of Solomon is needed to appease these opposing factions.

A woman could be cut in half from head to toe and one half given to the pro-choice activists and the other to the right-to-life activists to do with as they will.

As for me and my response to the pro-choice/right-to-life legal battles, I'm stuck on a barbed wire fence with a minefield on one side and quicksand on the other.

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Seeing the dark side of clinics

By GARY CLAY
Staff Writer

When I look into my children's eyes, how proud I am to see the other half of myself. They are new lives starting all over on this planet Earth.

I feel that my wife and I are like a tree that sprouted small branches; ones that will someday be trees themselves.

But, how sad I would be if we had decided to cut away one of those branches. Just because the government says it's legal to have an abortion, does that really make abortion right?

If you have feelings and emotions how can you justify abortion? How can you justify the killing of a child?

Abortion is merciless. It is one of the cruelest acts one human being can do to another.

I worked in an abortion clinic as an orderly, so what I have to say is a firsthand account of what really takes place during the surgery.

I saw for myself just how terrible abortion really is.

On my way into work, I would hear advertisements on the radio about how easy it was to get an abortion. "You can be in by 7:30 a.m. and out by 2 p.m. and no one has to know where you have been."

What they were really saying to the young girls (not that all abortions are performed on young girls) was "pretend you are going to school and come here if you want an abortion. You'll be in and out just about the same time that school is going on and who will know the difference?"

That's right; they tell you to come to them, they make it sound so easy. They don't tell you how they will suck, cut and scrape that baby right out of you.

Working at the hospital showed me many things that the average person does not know. For instance, there was an abortion performed on a 17-year-old girl who almost bled to death during the operation.

They gave her all the blood that was available and had to rush out for more from another hospital in order to replace what she lost. Thank God the doctor was able to save her life.

The young woman left the hospital not knowing she had been close to death; no one had informed her of what had happened to her.

Another case I witnessed concerned a woman who was flown in from Las Vegas by emergency helicopter.

She had gone to Las Vegas to have an abortion, but sometime afterward she developed severe abdominal pain. The problem was that the doctor had left one of the baby's hands inside of her body. After the surgery she left the hosptial not knowing what had caused her to become sick again; she was never told that part of the baby had been left in her body.

It was after this case that I just couldn't stand by and watch these sort of things happen. I soon found myself informing the women coming to the clinic for an abortion about what really happens during one and how dangerous it can be. It wasn't long before the hospital staff caught on to what I was doing and I was terminated.

While working at the clinic, I was also enrolled in school as an emergency medical technician. Learning to save lives at school and helping to destroy life at work; the two just didn't go together.

Politicians regard abortion as some kind of political game. They tell the public what they think the public wants to hear; they say anything to get themselves voted into office. But do you ever hear of the wife of a politician having an abortion? I don't think so!

Abortion is murder. It is ugly. I have watched as babies were cut up in sections, with their heads crushed and arms cut off from the shoulder down. I have seen them lying on a tray trying to grasp for life as the last nerves die.

There should be a law that every woman having an abortion should view an informative videotape on what abortion is truly like before they have one; maybe it would change their minds.

Let there be life!

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DEEP IN PRAYER—Two young girls in a prayer circle moments after they heard an 18-year-old girl decided to keep her eight-week-old fetus and not have an abortion.

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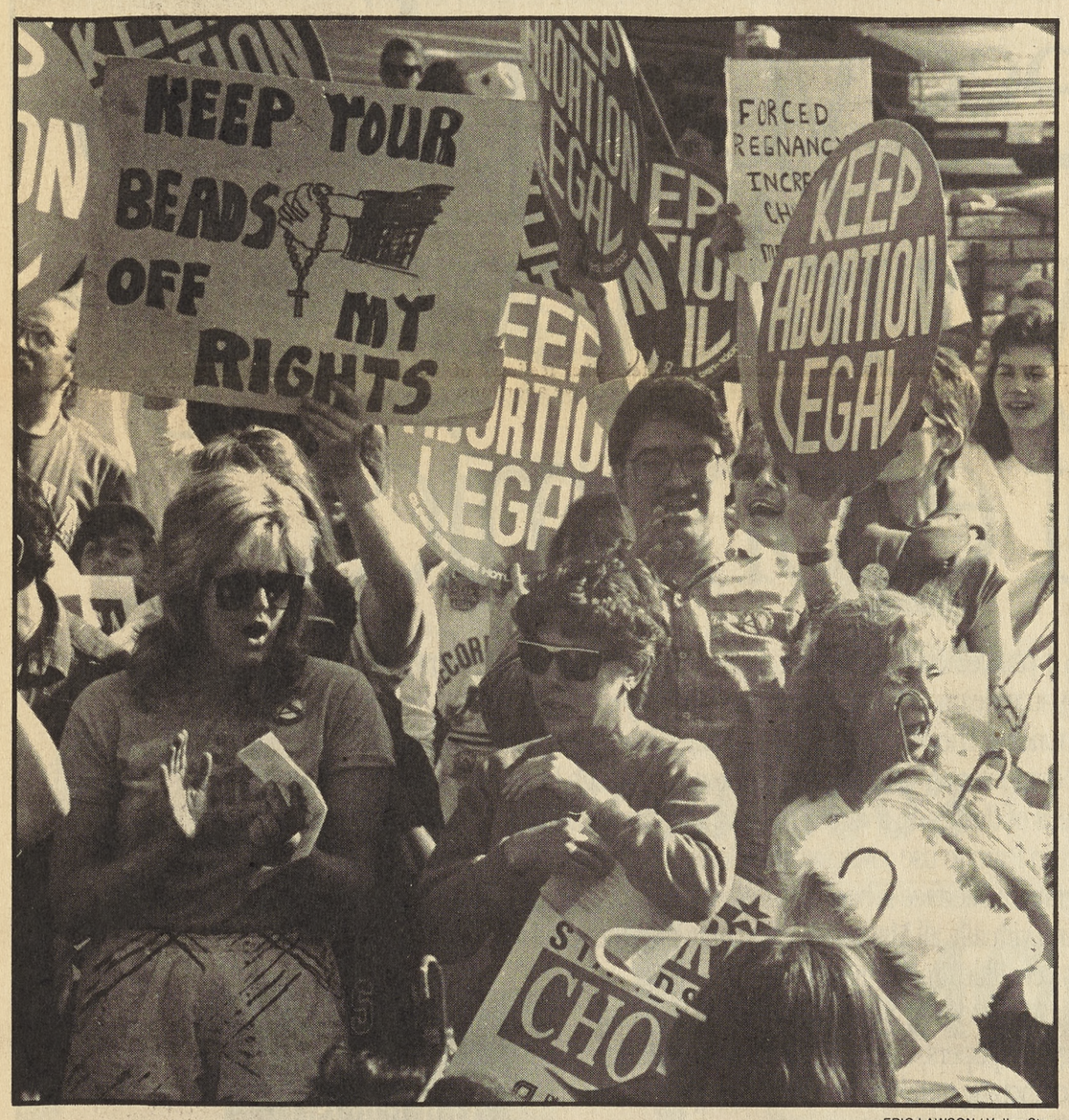

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FACING OFF—Pro-choice members react with applauding when San Francisco's former mayor Diane Feinstein, announced "If I'm elected governor of California, you will have a pro-choice governor."

'I almost killed him'

By ANA Z. RENEDO
Staff Writer

I was in the university in my third year of law. I got married and was living happily with my husband, my friends and my career.

One day, I discovered I was pregnant. To me, a 21-year-old girl with a backpack full of dreams, projects and trips, this came as a shock, a terrible, frustating shock.

I thought very seriously about having an abortion to solve the "problem" easily. Isn't it right that a woman is free to do whatever she wants to do with her body?

It's just a part of my body. It's not alive; it's not a person, an independent person. It doesn't think or feel. I don't want it, so why not take it away? There's nothing wrong with that; thousands of women have abortions every day. It is *not* a big deal.

My thoughts were clear and determined.

I'll finish my career; I'll open my own office. We'll move to a better place and, for vacations, my husband and I will go to Egypt, India or Italy. It is not a bad future!

My feelings were strong and sure. I'll do it! I will have an abortion: there is no doubt about it.

I set up an appointment to see my doctor. That night I could not sleep; too many thoughts were invading my mind.

If I don't have the abortion, will *it* be a boy or a girl? Will *it* be a pret ty baby? Will *it* be smart? How can I be sure that *it* doesn't think yet? Is *it* really a part of my body? Could *it* already have a soul?

What about all those theories against abortion? Are they mistaken or not?

Suddenly, I was scared; was I scared of *it* or scared of myself?

I asked my husband in the middle of the night how he felt about me having an abortion. In a sleepy voice he answered, "Honey, you do whatever you want." Men! They think everything is so easy.

So there I was, back with my own thoughts. Do I have the right to deprive my own baby of life? That's what it all boiled down to.

If I have this abortion, this baby will never see the sun or smell the flowers. He/she will be able to listen to music or to love. Why? Not because of a disease or an accident or a sickness, because of me!

What I decide to do, abortion or no abortion, will be the reason this child will or will not enjoy life. Could I live the rest of my life with that guilty feeling in my heart? Could I?

Today, whenever he smiles every moring and gives me kisses; whenever he is scared and calls me or whenever I get big hugs from him, I don't want to remember that I almost killed him.

Threats cause woman confusion

By VIVIEN NICHOLS
Staff Writer

A friend is driving a woman to the local abortion clinic. The woman is calm and smiling as she chats easily with her companion. Being happy and confident in life is in her nature.

She has long since this day grown comfortable with her decision to abort her eighth pregnancy, with a certainty visible in her carriage. She is unfalteringly resolved as she approaches the block of the clinic.

On the drive to the clinic she tells her friend how hard it was to come to the decision to have this abortion. "It was the most trying, soul-searching decision of my life," she says.

But, after weighing her innate love of children with the hard facts of being divorced and living on welfare with seven children; after thinking about how hard it is to clothe, feed and bed them all, (the little ones sleep on the family couch, while the five others and herself sleep on the floor of their dilapidated one-bedroom cabin) she knew what she had to do.

But when they arrive at the clinic, the parking lot is blocked by a hostile mob of anti-abortionists. The woman closes the window in disturbed surprise, as angry words and Bible verses are thrown at her by merciless strangers.

After the delay of having to park on safer ground and the painstaking advance to the entrance (aided by a clinical nurse) the woman sits with her friend inside and awaits her turn.

Her smile fades and her confidence is weakening. For the first time since the decision was made she turns in self-doubt to her friend and says, "Maybe I'm doing the wrong thing."

By the time she reaches the operating room she is in tears. After agonizing minutes of tormented indecision, both the doctor and the woman agree that she should postpone the abortion due to her aggrieved emotional state.

A week later she returns to the clinic for the abortion, but for weeks after she suffers from periods of acute depression.

The desision to abort is never easy, but abortion should remain an alternative for all women.

Situations surrounding pregnancy are diverse and highly individual, and all circumstances should be respected. It is egregiously wrong to consider "rape and incest" the only excusable circumstances for abortion.

The distress of the woman mentioned and all the others who share her experience is not caused by the rightful decision to abort. It is caused by the bombardment of the unsupportive outside influences these women are faced with.

The prolonging of the abortion issue, incensed by the Bush administration, is planting the insidious seeds for an emotionally distraught, self-deprecating segment of today's society.

A question of rights?

By JUDY GREENBERG
Staff Writer

On Nov. 29, 1989, in Garden Grove, California, a 15-year-old honor student gave birth to a full term baby boy while standing over a toilet in a high school bathroom, wherein the baby dropped into the bowl and drowned, according to CBS News.

The Dec. 3, 1989 T.V. program *60 Minutes* featured Ed Bradley interviewing singer Eartha Kitt, during which Kitt repeatedly referred to her "ever present feeling of rejection" as a result of having been "given away as a baby."

When asked if she could ever overcome it, Kitt answered, "No one ever wanted me. I'll never be able to get over that."

A story on CBS-TV about a recently widowed mother raising a teenage daughter showed that the youngster was extremely fearful about facing life without her dad, whereupon her mom enfolded her warmly and responded, "I'll take care of you. That's my job and my pleasure."

Although two of these cases are tragic and the third one is sad (living without one parent can be very difficult) the words said by the mother to her beloved child in the last case are what birthing and parenting are really all about.

The *National Right to Life* committee prides itself on espousing the "right to life" of everyone. Yet, this group admittedly has been responsible for violence toward (and the destruction of) family planning centers.

The question of abortion appears to be whose "rights" and to what kind of "life" we are addressing.

"Life" implies quality over and above existence.

In the Nov. 1989 issue of *Being in Touch*, Dr. David Viscott states that "When you grow you feel most alive and the world feels full of excitement. When security becomes the most important issue in life, you are robbed of your creativity and you begin to feel old."

Although it is pure conjecture, of course, imagine what we would each choose for ourselves were we to be given the opportunity to do so while still an unborn soul. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had the choice?

NURSES ...

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Christmas at the facility will not be celebrated on Dec. 25 because of the unstable schedules of the women it serves, but six to 20 women per day are being served turkey dinner this week and next week.

Two Valley women, Fonda Bender and Sheila Gan, founded the Women's Care Cottage four years ago. The house is funded thorugh donations and fundraisers and a partial grant from the city of Los Angeles.

Kelly Greek, CNSA president, is working to get as many gifts as possible. Also working with her are Treasurer K. Joi Kemper and Gina Aguirre, instructor in nursing and adviser to the club.

A Christmas party will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Engineering Building. CNSA asks that everyone bring a wrapped gift for a woman or child or a nonperishable food item.

The gifts and food collected at the party will be delivered tomorrow to the shelter, where it will be passed out.

CNSA will have a bake sale from 8 to 11 a.m. today outside the Behavioral Science building. The profits raised will be donated to the shelter. Donations of gifts or food will be accepted at the bake sale or can be taken to the nursing department office in the Engineering Building.

"As nurses we do contribute to the commmunity," said Kemper. "We picked the Women's Care Cottage in Van Nuys because these people might not have other resources."

Kemper said two boxes of clothes, gifts and food were overflowing and more contributions are expected before the drop-off.

ASU ...

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tended by the ASU presidents and health service committee members from each of the nine Los Angeles Community College District colleges.

The meeting was held to get the nine campuses together in order that they may speak as one voice to urge the district to re-open the health service offices on each of the campuses, said Lisa Walker, ASU president.

Currently, there are no health services offered at any of the nine district campuses. Valley's Health Services Committee is headed by Mary Bella, commissioner of disabled awareness.

Walker said the ASU's are entertaining bids from Health Management Organizations and insurance carriers which will offer students reduced rates.

The commissioner of Asian concerns is being created because of an increased number of Asian students on the Valley College campus. Because there is no Asian Studies department on campus, the commissioner must be of Asian Concerns, said Juarez.

"There are many students that are gay and/or Asian who are attending Valley College," said Juarez. "There presently is a GALA (Gay And Lesbian Alliance) club and a Filipino club on campus."

"Since the interest of student government is everyone's concern, then the gay and Asian student population should also be represented on council," said Juarez.

"In the future, we [ASU] may open new positions, while we close old ones, " said Walker. One, for instance, may be commissioner of campus improvements being changed to commissioner of environment.

ANIMALS...

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parcel of the fraud that we can learn from using four-legged animals.

"Anyone who thinks we can learn about human muscles from cat muscles should be put in a padded cell," said Burgos.

The cat is the only whole animal dissected in anatomy classes at Valley, although parts of sheep are used. Karen Roy, professor of biology, said she uses six to eight cats among 50 students in the anatomy course she teaches and leaves that lab until the last week in the semester so that fewer cats will be used.

If a student objects to the dissection, which is advertised in the class schedule, the grade can be based on something else, she said. "It's only worth 20 points out of about 1,000."

"People in the health profession usually don't object to using cats," said Roy. "There are far more discarded cats than medical science could ever use.

"We cannot afford cadavers," which are her first choice in the lab, said Roy. However, she said, "there is tremendous carryover. The tissues and tendons look alike. The cat has all the systems we've learned about in the semester."

"I don't think we can teach a class with pictures," said Roy.

Mary (who wished not to use her last name), a student of Roy's, said she has no qualms about dissecting a sheep's brain. "Plastic models aren't the same. With the real thing you can feel the texture."

Rogers, a nursing student, said organ systems, cells and bone structure of humans are different from other animals and make experimentation on animals pointless. "Experiments at UCLA where hip replacement was done on a dog make no sense."

Gaye Moore, a student in Anatomy 1 (Introduction to Human Anatomy), said she feels no remorse when dissecting an animal. "It's better to kill an animal and learn to help a human being."

Bing said that Drug testing on animals doesn't work and cannot predict the affect of a new drug on humans. Babies born deformed because of the drug *Thalidomide*, given to pregnant women in the 1960s, is one result of fraud, she said.

Scientists recreate diseases in animals and such conditions do not duplicate the natural course of the disease, said Rogers. "The three top killers — heart disease, cancer and diabetes — are still here," he said.

Researchers defending vivisection are protecting their jobs, said Bing. "They don't want to tell the truth."

Live animals are treated cruelly and often die during the experiments. "Who are we to say that animals experience no pain?" Bing said. "Their vocal cords are cut."

"Sleep deprivation studies have been done on cats. The cat was in danger of drowning every time it closed its eyes. After being kept awake for days, the animal eventually died in the senseless experiment."

"It is easy to object to something you haven't done," said Roy. Live animals are "well taken care of."

"People make general statements and do not personalize the issue. If your three-year-old daughter needed medical attention wouldn't you want the doctor to have practiced on animals?"

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Entertainment

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CHILD'S PLAY — Kids copy their parents in LAVC's *Found a Peanut,* by David Margulies.

Theater review

Play says *'Nuts'* to adult world

By NATHAN DEAN REPONTE
Staff Writer

In a nutshell, it doesn't hurt to see the play *Found a Peanut* , written by Donald Margulies. Both the joys of childhood experience and the strong acting in the play gives the exact flavor needed to keep the audience interested.

The production, by Valley's Theatre Department, is a short play that takes us back to our childhood and reintroduces characters we have all known and sometimes feared.

The actors give a sobering performance as immature children who are already showing immitative behavior of both their peers and a self-centered society as a whole.

Some of the fine performances included Michele Guzy's exuberant performance as Little Earl, who is endearing to watch as her character bubbles with innocence. Jeffrey Smolowitz played by Stewart Irel is a stereotypical character, but done well.

"It's a drop in the bucket ... " said Dr. Hayes, who directed the play, he wanted the play to express a need for change in America's family culture. "... It could be one of our last chances to save the babies."

Although the play's intent is excellently delivered, it's far reaching hopes are not as certain to succeed in the face of long-bred social behavior in America.

The song Found a Peanut sung by Smolowitz can possibly be symbolic of the way the kids will feel after the whole incident is over.

Found a Peanut is very entertaining and in all essence is a slice of life.

Valley's Theatre Dept. production of *Found a Peanut*, will be presented tonight thru Sat.. The admission is $5.00 and $3.00 for students and senior citizens. With the entertaintment given, it doesn't have to hurt to see this play.

We're No Angels is one devil of a movie

By JOE DON LEWIS
Assoc. Entertainment Editor

It's going to heaven in a handbasket in the new movie *We're No Angels*, directed by Neill Jordan and produced by Art Linson.

This light-humored comedy is graced by the exceptional acting performances of Robert De Niro, Sean Penn and Demi Moore.

The story begins in 1936 with one of the most bleak and foreboding prisons ever imagined, giving its closest symbolic rendition of hell. And the warden, Ray McAnally, doesn't let the audience down in his portrayal as a sadistic quasi-devil character.

Jim and Ned, Penn and De Niro respectively, would probably have rotted in their cell if not for the unexpected escape of a prisonmate, Bobby, James Russo. Managing to kill almost every guard in the joint with his six-shooter, Bobby incorporates the aid of both Jim and Ned in his escape.

Now escaped convicts, Jim and Ned swear never to return to their former cell and plan on crossing the Canadian border to freedom. Their fates take a sudden turn when they are mistaken for lost priests and

become the guests of a local New England monastery.

Without De Niro and Penn's illustrious styles, the plot would sink quicker than the Titanic. The fact that Jim and Ned do not raise warranted suspicion with either the monks or the deputy, Bruno Kirby, presents a large hole in the plot that only supreme acting could save.

Academy award winner De Niro, who was also executive producer of the film, seems uncomfortable with his character early in the movie, with his dialogue sounding awkward.

But he soon settles in and delivered the rough New York style he is so famous for. De Niro's facial expressions and sporadic gestures served as comic relief and made one wonder just how many faces he really has.

A pleasant surprise is Penn's ability to perform a comedic role when so many of his recent accomplishments have been dramatic. Penn even gives De Niro a run for his money, since his innocent portrayal of Jimmy seems more consistant and relaxed.

Moore, as the prostitute-mother, Molly, presents the romancing ground for Ned, who just can't wait for someone to make a donation to his cause. However, Molly happens to be the feistiest woman in town. Her one concern, besides money, is her deaf daughter, Rosie, Jessica Ji[illegible]s.

Moore presents romance to the plot, but her character never gets off the ground.

Overall, *We're No Angels* will produce a number of chuckles and even a couple of laughs, mainly due to the interplay between De Niro and Penn. But one thing is for sure, without them the movie wouldn't have a prayer.

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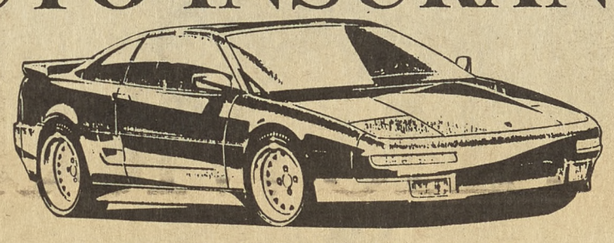

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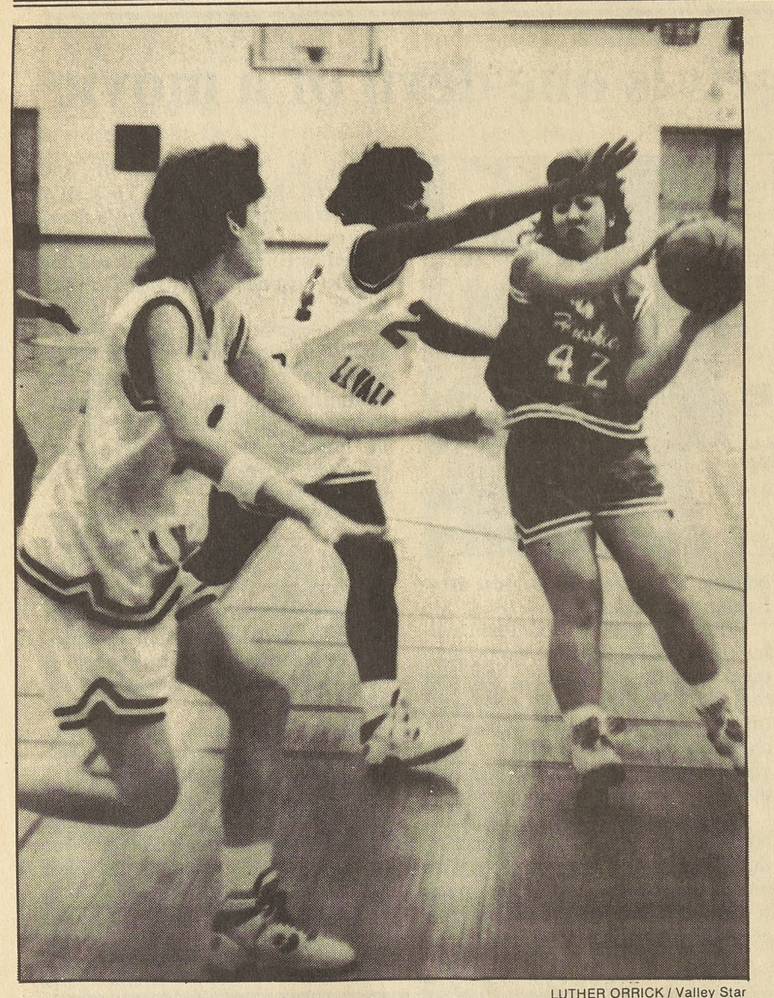

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ON GUARD — Ericka Miller (24) and Lisa Little show some defense against East L.A. College, last Friday.

Mens, Womens basketball teams set to play in tournaments held during Christmas vacation

By ERIC BARAD
Staff Writer

Valley College students will be enjoying their Christmas break visiting relatives, skiing the slopes and sleeping late into the afternoon.

However, the mens basketball team will be enjoying a break of another sort; a fast break.

The 6-3 Monarchs will play in three tournaments over a two-week period.

First on their itinerary will be Glendale College for the Glendale Tournament, Dec. 13-16.

In the first round the Monarchs will face highly touted, fourth ranked in the tournament, Cyprus College.

Next, the Monarchs will host the L.A. Valley Tournament Dec. 19-21.

Their last leg before returning back to school is the College of the Desert Tournament Dec. 28-30.

Western States Conference play begins Jan. 3 against the College of the Canyons.

The Monarchs first conference home game is against Bakersfield College on Jan. 6.

Then they will travel to Santa Monica College where the young Monarch squad will be put to a test in what should be a challenging-game.

On Dec. 6 the Monarchs played what should have been a warm-up game against Mt. San Antonio College. However, in a game that was close throughout, the Monarchs barely got away with a 65-63 victory.

Steve Ward dished out 18 points and Sean Delaittre added 16 to lead the Monarchs.

"It was a very good game," said coach Jim Stephens.

By EDWARD YOON
Staff Writer

Friday's 89-33 rout over East Los Angeles Community College will be the Lady Monarchs' last home game of 1989 as they embark on their longest road trip of the season.

The 6-2 Lady Monarchs will take their no. 7 ranking in the state to Mira Costa tomorrow, to Grossmont on Saturday, to Riverside for the Candy Kane Classic from Dec. 18-20, and to Fullerton for the Fullerton Invitational Tournament from Dec. 27-30.

The road weary Lady Monarchs will begin the new year with a game at Canyons on Jan. 3 and will not see action at home until Jan. 6 when they play Bakersfield.

The immediate focus of Head Coach Doug Michelson will be on tomorrow's game against Mira Costa, ranked 12th in the state with a record of 7-2.

They feature all-state center Laura Hughes.

"We are prepared to play a box and one gimmic defense to contain her," said Michelson.

In the blow out against East L.A., forward Sharlene Cirrito and center Lisa Little scored 16 apiece while getting a balanced effort from forward Karrie Parsons who had six points, nine assists and five steals.

In their first pre-season tournament in Visalia back on Dec. 3, the Lady Monarchs placed third losing to the College of the Sequoias 64-51 in the semi-finals.

Forward Sandrine Rocher was selected to the All-Tournament team.

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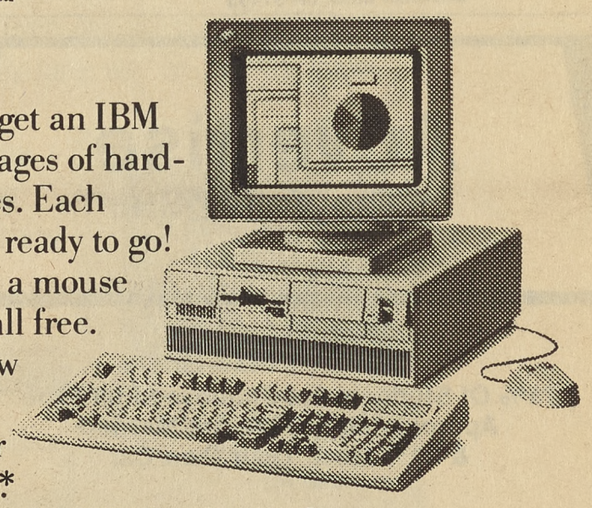

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